

2008 Annual Report

Mayor's Office of International Affairs & Development (MOIAD)

As we look at the accomplishments achieved in 2008, we move forward with more opportunities to strengthen economic alliances and continue to promote Houston on the international stage.

I. International Cooperation Agreements:

6 bilateral agreements were signed with the following cities:

- Dongying, China (3)
- Gumi, South Korea
- Nanhui District, Shanghai, China
- Shanghai, China

II. Inbound Delegations:

The MOIAD coordinated/ welcomed **88** international delegations from the following regions:

Bangladesh	Korea	Spain
Brazil	Mexico	Sweden
Canada	Pakistan	Taiwan
China	Philippines	Tanzania
Congo	Qatar	Thailand
Italy	Singapore	The Netherlands
The Russian Federation	Turkmenistan	Vietnam

The total number of visiting delegates in 2008 was 785. The average length of stay was 3 days. The logistics expenses **alone** (est. at \$3,000 per person) generated a total of **\$2,355,000** USD to the Houston economy.



III. Outbound Delegations:

The MOIAD initiated or supported **12** major outbound trade delegations to the following 10 regions: Argentina, Canada, China, Korea, Qatar, Poland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine & the United Arab Emirates.

IV. Internship Program:

We have **20** interns from universities and high schools.

V. Publications:

We issued the following:

- 12 Mayor's International Newsletters
- 12 International Event Calendars

